[Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

(*c*) whether the foundation for the building was laid in 1098, and also building materials were collected and Mr. A. Gurunatha Martanda Nadar, the manager of the proposed institution, executed an agreement accepting the conditions of the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*d*) why the Ag. Director reversed the previous order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. A report on the subject was received from the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes. It was sanctioned by the Director of Public Instruction on the understanding that the site for the proposed school belonged, as stated by the applicant, to the local Vinayakar temple of which his family was the trustee.

(*c*) Yes. Foundation stone was laid for the proposed school on unregistered *poramboke* land and building materials were also collected.

Mr. Nadar has executed no agreement with the Department. He has given the usual financial guarantee which the manager of every new private school has to give binding himself to make, if required of him, an annual contribution of Rs. 300 for the support of the school over and above the fee income from the school.

(*d*) The Acting Director did not exactly reverse the previous orders on the subject, but refused to grant Mr. Nadar's request for permission to put up a building for the proposed school on *poramboke* land, in view of the fact that there was no real demand for an English School at Agastisvaram.

Recruitment of High Court Judges.

10. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have laid down at the time of Sir P. Rajagopalachariar that one-third of the Judges in the High Court should be *Marumakkattayis*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Puttallom Salt Factory.

11. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*):

(1) With reference to the Puttallom salt factory, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) the quantities of salt manufactured every year since its opening; and

(*b*) the yearly income to the Government in the shape of recoveries?

(2) Will they be pleased to state why the output has been steadily going down?

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